

1 . (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring administration of a therapeutic or anesthetic substance, including the steps of

establishing first and second predetermined coded substance sites for a predetermined coded substance carrier, wherein the code for the sites and the carrier corresponds to the substance,

placing the carrier in an at least partially loaded condition prior to use in the first site,

placing the carrier in the second site after use and in an at least partially discharged condition relative to the at least partially loaded condition, and

maintaining the carrier in the second site for a predetermined period of time.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring administration of a therapeutic or anesthetic substance including the steps of

forming a support device having a first predetermined coded substance site for a predetermined coded loaded substance carrier, wherein the code for the site and the carrier corresponds to the substance,

forming a second predetermined coded site for the carrier,

taking the carrier from the first predetermined site for use and,

after use, positioning the carrier in the second site.

3. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the steps of coding at least portions of said first coded site and second coded site, together with at least a portion of said carrier and verifying use of the substance in said carrier via a predetermined code relationship between said first coded site, said second coded site and said carrier as said carrier is introduced to and removed from said sites.

4. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 including the step of recording the verification of the carrier at least during a use phase of said carrier.

5. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the step of monitoring movement of said carrier to and from either one or both of predetermined first and second sites.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 5 including the step of monitoring said movement via a verification means adapted to detect an encodation of the carrier when said carrier is brought into a predetermined proximity of the verification means.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 6 including the step of providing an audible and/or visual signal which is actuated as said carrier is brought into a predetermined proximity with said verification means.

8. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the step of comparing a result of verification of said carrier against predetermined data and including the step of providing a warning when said result of verification is out of range of the predetermined data.

9. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 including the step of verification by detecting the presence or absence of the carrier in said first and/or said second site.

10. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 including the step of forming the support to have at least said first and second sites thereon.

11. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the step of verification by bar code scanning.

12. (Withdrawn) Apparatus for storage and use of at least one administrable substance carrier including a support defining at least one coded site in relation to which the predetermined coded carrier can be positioned, said site coded and adapted to receive and a predeterminedly coded,

loaded carrier, said code provided to enable user verification of said carrier relative to said at least one site.

13. (Withdrawn) Apparatus for storage and use of at least one administrable substance carrier including a support defining at least one coded site in relation to which the predetermined coded carrier can be positioned, said site provided at least as a set of a first site and a second site, said first site coded and adapted to receive a predeterminedly coded, loaded carrier and a second site at least partially commonly coded and also adapted to receive the carrier, said code provided to enable user verification of said carrier relative to said first and second sites.

14. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 12 or 13 wherein the support defines the first and second sites spaced one from the other but in a related orientation set with at least partially common coding.

15. (Withdrawn) Apparatus for storage and use of administrable substance carriers as claimed in Claim 12, 13 or 14 including a verification means adapted to detect an encodation on a carrier when said carrier is brought into a predetermined proximity with said verification means.

16. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 15 where said verification means includes a predetermined sequence of encodation detection, and/or a warning device operable to provide a warning when a sequence of encodation out of the predetermined sequence is detected.

17. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in Claims 15 or 16 wherein the verification means is adapted to activate an audible and/or visual or verification of said carrier.

18. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 15 to 16 wherein the verification means is adapted to detect encodation of a carrier and to actuate a recordal device to provide a record of the encoded carrier brought into predetermined proximity with a detector of said verification means.

19. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 15 to 17 wherein the verification means detects the presence or absence of a carrier in said first and second sites and is actuated by the introduction and/or removal of said carrier from said sites.

20. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims 12 to 19 wherein said support is formed as a unit defining a recess therebeneath.

21. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 20 wherein the support is formed to be nestably stackable over other similar supports.

22. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 20 or Claim 21 when dependant on claim 11, wherein a recess beneath said support is arranged for positioning the verification means therebeneath.

23. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims 20 to 22 wherein the recess beneath said support is arranged for positioning of apparatus for use with the support, a closure portion arranged to be removably secured across at least a portion of a base of said support to enclose said recess.

24. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims 12 to 23 wherein the support is formed at least partially transparent or translucent codes for first coded site and/or second coded site verification visible through said support.

25. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims 12 to 24 wherein the coded first site and/or second sites are arranged with appropriately correspondingly shaped hollow formations to support coded carriers in the form of syringes.

26. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims 11 to 24 wherein the coding used for said first and/or second site, and said carrier is one or all of:

- i. a colour code

ii. a colour combination code

iii. a pattern code

iv. a numeric code

v. an alpha code

vi. a bar code.

27. (Withdrawn) Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 12 to 26 wherein the verification means includes a bar code readably positioned at least on said carrier and a scanner adapted to read said code.

28. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the step of coding said first and second sites and said predetermined carrier with a visual code from one or a combination of the following:

i. a colour code

ii. a colour combination code

iii. a pattern code

iv. a numeric code

v. an alpha code

vi. a bar code.

29. (Withdrawn) A package of at least one contained administrable substance for administration in accordance with the method as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 10, said package including a support as defined in any one of Claims 12 to 23, and wherein at least one of said first

sites is charged with a loaded, substantially corresponding coded carrier for said administrable substance and means provided between said carrier and said first coded site for verifying the correct site positioning of said carrier on said site, a second coded site adapted for verification of site position.

30. (Withdrawn) A package as claimed in Claim 29 wherein a releasable restraining means is provided to restrain said loaded carrier with said support until released.

31. (Withdrawn) A package as claimed in Claim 30 wherein said at least one first site is substantially recessed and said restraining means includes a sheet of material at least partially enclosing said loaded carrier in said at least one said first site.

32. (Withdrawn) A coded syringe for use according to the method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11.

33. (Withdrawn) A syringe for use according to the method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11 encoded with a bar code.

34. Cancelled.

35. Cancelled.

36. Cancelled.

37. Cancelled.

38. Cancelled.

39. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 5 wherein said first and second predetermined coded substance sites being the same site and including the step of monitoring said movement via a verification means adapted to detect the code on the carrier when said carrier is brought into a predetermined proximity with said verification means.

40. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 39 wherein the verification means is a bar code scanner and the code is a bar code, said method also optionally including at least one of the following steps: (a) comparing the result of verification by said verification means against predetermined data; and (b) storing a record including the code or the result of verification.

41. Canceled.

It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any deficiency.

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